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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8311**  
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**IMMATURE UNIALGAL CULTURE STRAIN: Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 9, 2007 in which restriction has been required, applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I i.e. claims 1 to 4 and 10 to 13, directed to a culture strain.

Also enclosed is a copy of the English translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Chapter II) and a copy of Notification of Transmittal thereof.

Please be advised that there are three errors in item 2. "Citations and explanations of Box No. V" on pages 4 and 5 of the English translation. Namely, on page 4, line 11, "he species" should be "the species". On page 5, line 4, "algae" should be "species of Gracilaria". On page 5, line 7 from the bottom, "embodiment" should be "Examples".

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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